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SUBJECT: NATIONALIZATION OF BP

REF: TRIPOLI 2249; BENGHAZI 470; LONDON 11208

FROM MACK

1. SUMMARY: [redacted] B4

2. [redacted] B4

BOARD CHAIRMAN IS FORMER PRESIDENT OF UMMA BANK, AND TWO BOARD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR BP.

3. MOST URGENT PROBLEM IS AGEC REFUSAL LOAD TWO BP TANKERS NOW AT HARIQA. THERE IS NO HUNT TANKER IN PORT AND STORAGE CAPACITY AT HARIQA IS DOWN TO THREE DAYS.

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4. THERE IS GROWING INDICATION THAT LIBYANS WILL NOT LET KEY FOREIGN PERSONNEL LEAVE FOR SOME TIME. BOARD DID AGREE THAT DEPENDENTS ARE FREE TO LEAVE AND [redacted] B4
IT WOULD TAKE DECISION N "NEXT FEW DAYS" ON ALREADY SCHEDULED EMPLOYEE LEAVES. AMERICAN CHARTER PILOT WHO SPENT YESTERDAY AT SARIR SAID VIRTUALLY ALL BRITISH THERE WOULD LIKE TO GET OUT.

5. [redacted] ALL B4
PERSONNEL ARE SAFE. [redacted] 80
LIBYAN SOLDIERS HAD ARRIVED TO REINFORCE LOCAL GUARDS. THIS FIGURE CONFIRMED BY AMERICAN CHARTER PILOTS WHO HAVE BEEN BLYING SPECIAL AIRLIFT.
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